## **MID-WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/24/2021**

# NEW FROM THE FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION:

# Providing Pandemic Electronic Benefits to Indiana Families Portal, Policy, and Support Updates

The Division of Family Resources (DFR) continues to partner with Indiana schools to provide Pandemic Electronic Benefits (P-EBT) to Indiana families. Currently, the submission window is open for data submissions for January and February 2021, along with accepting corrections for October to December 2020. Please note that, due to changes in federal regulations, data must now be submitted by month.

Under the new guidelines, there is no five day minimum to meet Tier 2 eligibility status. That is, if a school was closed for one or more days due to the public health emergency, delayed opening by one or more days, or offered a hybrid model (between remote and in-person learning), the school will qualify as Tier-2 Eligible. This eligibility change extends to the October-December 2020 window. In addition, if even a single student participated in virtual learning due to the public health emergency, or missed school because they had to quarantine due to COVID-19, the school qualifies as a hybrid model and therefore qualifies as Tier-2 Eligible. More information is available in this communication.

To aid with the submissions process, DFR will be hosting office hours twice weekly on Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. EST and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. EST. These are informal drop-in sessions for data administrators to join as needed to ask questions regarding the data submission process and/or eligibility and program information. To join these sessions, please register using this <u>link</u>.

## **Reminder: Data Exchange Training Update**

In preparation for certification of Calendar and Attendance data for Thursday, July 1, IDOE released additional Data Exchange training modules for reporting School Calendar, Calendar Session/Grading Period, and student data. All training is available in the IDOE Moodle "Data Exchange Training and Community" course (no enrollment key required). Contact Data Exchange with any questions

The following trainings have been posted:

#### **Reporting School Calendar**

- Reporting School Calendar Data
- Reporting School Calendar Data with IDOE Templates
- Submission and Validation of School Calendar Data in Data Exchange
- Validating and Certifying School Calendar Data

#### Reporting Calendar Session and Grading Period

- Reporting Calendar Session and Grading Period
- Reporting Calendar Session and Grading Period with IDOE Templates
- Submission of Calendar Session and Grading Period Data

#### Reporting Student Data in Data Exchange

- Reporting Student Data in Data Exchange
- Reporting Student Data with IDOE Templates
- Submission of Student Data in Data Exchange

## **Recently Posted Documents and Layouts**

2020-2021 Data Exchange Attendance Reporting v03.05.21

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## **REPORTS CURRENTLY OPEN**

DOE-RT/EM/RA 2021 - closes 6/30/21

DOE-IR 2021 - closes 6/30/21

DOE-TA 2021 (ISTEP/IREAD) - closes 7/15/21

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## **Reports Opening Soon**

DOE-SE 2021 (Special Education) Per 2 - opens 4/1/2021

DOE-SV 2021 (Special Education for Vouchers) Per 2 - opens 4/1/2021

DOE-ES 2021 (Discipline) - opens 4/8/2021

## Help US Help YOU

**Data Reporting Support Ticket**: To contact STN support HelpDesk, click the following link to create a work order. Please provide the correct email address and phone number in the work order.

https://help.doe.in.gov

Data Reporting Support is also available by phone at 317.232.0808